

Minutes of SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council on September 6, 2006

Date of Meeting: February 21, 2006

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in special session in the Pima County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 130 West Congress, First Floor, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:04 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

The Honorable Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors were in attendance sitting as the Pima County Library District Board for a joint meeting regarding the transition of library services (see attached minutes).

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkup and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

José J. Ibarra
Carol W. West
Council Member Ward 1
Carol W. West
Council Member Ward 2
Council Member Ward 3
Shirley C. Scott
Council Member Ward 4

Steve Leal Vice-Mayor, Council Member Ward 5

Nina J. Trasoff Council Member Ward 6

Robert E. Walkup Mayor

Absent/Excused: None

Staff Members Present:

Mike HeinCity ManagerMichael RankinCity AttorneyKathleen S. DetrickCity Clerk

Mike Letcher Deputy City Manager

2. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH PIMA COUNTY AND PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR TRANSITIONING ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO THE PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 79, dated February 21, 2006 would be received into and made a part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 20284 by number and title only.

Resolution No. <u>20284</u> relating to library services; approving and authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson, Pima County and Pima County Library District for transitioning administration and funding of the Public Library System to the Pima County Library District; and declaring an emergency.

Council Member West said she and Richard Elias, Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, attended a meeting in Chicago in December of 2005, where they were recognized because of the pending library system merger. Other communities thought it was unusual, but it showed they really cared about the library system.

It was moved by Council Member West, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Resolution 20284.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion.

Vice Mayor Leal said all City departments were important to the community, but the library system brought so much in terms of civilization, literacy and enlightenment. For them to be partially separated for so long made it more difficult for the library system to reach its potential. He said the merger was a hard thing to do, and people worked for a long time to bring it to the point of integration. Now it had a better chance to reach its potential. Vice Mayor Leal said he agreed with Chairman Elias regarding a dedicated funding mechanism. A better integrated system could move forward and meet the community's needs in terms of a library system.

Council Member Scott asked if the employees who transitioned from the City to the County system had all their issues addressed. She believed there were discussions regarding their rates of pay and benefits and she wanted to make sure everyone came out all right.

Liz Miller, Assistant City Manager, said there had been meetings with employees, and information was provided in public meetings and information sessions with staff online. She said there was a need for individual meetings as well, because the salary levels would be the current levels when transitioned to the County. There were differences in benefit costs, which had been explained to employees. There were also differences in retirement benefits and costs, which employees would need to discuss on an individual basis with both City and County retirement staff. Ms. Miller said

information had been available and would continue to be available as individual concerns were brought up and staff members responded to them.

Council Member Uhlich acknowledged the members of Friends of the Tucson-Pima Public Library, who had historically dedicated so much to the library system. She said it was hard to imagine a more valuable asset to the community than the library system. She thought everyone was trying to ensure the long-term quality and sustainability of the library system. She also noted that staff had been extraordinary in their service to the community, and thought this action was motivated by the desire to ensure, long term, that employees would receive the compensation and benefits that could be provided as a larger regional community. If the system had stayed with the City, she was not sure what kind of long-term sustainability could be offered. She was grateful to her colleagues on the Pima County Board of Supervisors for their cooperation in ensuring that sustainability. She referred to the agreements including fifty-year leases on existing facilities, with annual renewals, and said she was pleased to see a commitment to sustaining locations throughout the City, as each of the locations had demonstrated an importance to the areas they served. She further expressed her appreciation of the commitment to sustaining accessibility to the library system throughout the City.

Council Member Trasoff said she was also concerned about City employees being protected in the transition. She believed that had happened to the best possible extent, through the hard work of staff on both sides. She said the library staff was the heart and core of the library system. The books were the foundation, but the staff was dedicated to the community on the most fundamental level, and she expressed appreciation for them and the work they did.

Mayor Walkup also complimented the City and County staff for working diligently to effect the transition of employees. He said they were very proud of their employees, and very pleased that over the last year, diligence had prevailed and the employees were protected. He also wanted to assure the public that this was a matter of consolidation of an activity for the purpose of the most efficient and effective operation that could be provided to the region. This was a strategy that began two years ago, and was the second of what was hoped to be a series of consolidations considered between the City and the County. He thought they were doing the right thing for the region in consideration of what made the best sense for the people.

Mayor Walkup asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Ibarra, West, Uhlich, Scott, Trasoff;

Vice Mayor Leal and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Resolution 20284 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 7 to 0.

3. LIBRARY: RENAMING THE WILMOT BRANCH LIBRARY TO THE LEWIS C. MURPHY MEMORIAL WILMOT BRANCH LIBRARY

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 80, dated February 21, 2006 would be received into and made a part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 20285 by number and title only.

Resolution No. <u>20285</u> relating to libraries; renaming the Wilmot Branch Library to "Lewis C. Murphy Memorial Wilmot Branch Library"; and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Trasoff said she had the honor of knowing Lew Murphy for thirty years. While they often disagreed politically, they always agreed that their first interest was what was best for the community. She said Mr. Murphy was a good man and this was an honor he deserved. She said he would have been thrilled because libraries were the foundation of a democracy.

It was moved by Council Member Trasoff, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Resolution 20285.

Mayor Walkup concurred that Mr. Murphy was a great man, and said anyone who could survive sixteen years as Mayor deserved some acclaim.

Mayor Walkup asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Ibarra, West, Uhlich, Scott, Trasoff;

Vice Mayor Leal and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Resolution 20285 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 7 to 0.

4. ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 a.m.

Mayor Walkup announced the Council would stand adjourned at that time.

	MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CITY CLERK	

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 21st day of February 2006, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

KSD:sl/rm

MINUTES, LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

The Pima County Library District Board met in regular session at the regular meeting place of the Pima County Board of Supervisors on the First Floor of the Administration Building of the Governmental Center, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:

Richard Elías, Chairman

Ramón Valadez, Vice Chairman

Sharon Bronson, Member Ray Carroll, Member

Ann Day, Member

Lori Godoshian, Clerk

Absent:

None

The Honorable Mayor Bob Walkup and Council of the City of Tucson were in attendance to conduct their meeting in conjunction with the Library District Board regarding the library transition.

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL LIBRARY AGREEMENT

- A. Staff requests approval of the following:
 - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2006 LD-1 and RESOLUTION NO. 2006-41, approving and authorizing the Intergovernmental Regional Library Agreement by and between the Pima County Free Library District; Pima County; and the City of Tucson, to provide funding of the Tucson Pima Public Library System for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; to provide the orderly and timely transfer of the Tucson Pima Public Library System to the District, and Tucson Pima Library staff to the County effective July 1, 2006; and to provide continued operation of the combined library system by the District, with the financial participation of the City;

FY 05/06: Library District Fund, contract amount \$11,600,000.00; City of Tucson Fund, contract amount \$8,000,000.00 revenue;

FY 06/07: City of Tucson Fund, contract amount \$6,000,000.00 revenue;

FY 07/08: City of Tucson Fund, contract amount \$4,000,000.00 revenue; and

FY 08/09: City of Tucson Fund, contract amount \$2,000,000.00 revenue (01-66-T-137673-0705)

- Creation and allocation of 550 (approximately 300 full-time and 250 part-time) Position Control numbers necessary to absorb the transferring Library employees;
- 3. Direction to prepare the Lease Agreements, Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and the Library District, and other necessary documents;
- 4. Direction to the County Administrator to prepare a Library District Budget and Levy Rate for Fiscal Year 2006/07 to adequately fund the District's new responsibilities.

Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator, stated a report was provided to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the City of Tucson Mayor and Council from Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator. The report outlined the Intergovernmental Regional Library Agreement (IGA) for the transition process of all library functions and staff for the transfer of the Tucson Pima Library System to the Pima County Library District. The transfer would take effect on July 1, 2006. The IGA would also provide a 50 year lease of those library facilities owned by the City of Tucson to the County Library District and other provisions, payments and activities.

On consideration, it was moved by Chairman Elías, seconded by Supervisor Carroll, to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2006-LD $\frac{1}{2}$ and Resolution No. 2006- $\frac{41}{2}$.

No vote was taken at this time.

Mr. Atha requested that the creation and allocation of 550 Position Control numbers are to be effective immediately.

Chairman Elías as the maker of the motion, and Supervisor Carroll as the seconder, accepted the request and amended their motion. Upon the vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously by a five to zero vote.

2. RENAMING OF THE WILMOT BRANCH LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 LD-2, of the Library District Board of Directors, renaming the Wilmot Branch Library to the "Lewis C. Murphy Memorial Wilmot Branch Library."

On consideration, it was moved by Supervisor Carroll, seconded by Supervisor Day, and unanimously carried by a five to zero vote, to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2006-LD $\frac{2}{}$.

3. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CHATRMAN

ATTEST: